Kattakada road *via* Malayinkil and the Nalukettu—Tirupuram road are left, is causing considerable hardship to both pedestrians and passengers?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know from the member the approximate date on which the Chief Engineer received my interpellation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I don't remember the exact date.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): In view of the fact that it is about three months since my interpellation was sent to Government, may I know from Government why he failed to make an enquiry about the neglected condition of the roads?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The Chief Engineer did not fail to make an enquiry.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): I can't hear, Sir.

Bridge over the Alleppey-Shertala canal near Kommady.

106. ✻ **MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of any representation made regarding the construction of a bridge over the Alleppey-Shertala canal near Kommady; and

(*b*) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in connection with that?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Estimate was prepared; but as it was found not suitable to the actual requirements, a recast estimate is being prepared by the Division Officer.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): With reference to answer (*b*) what was the amount of the estimate that was prepared?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Rs. 16,000.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know from the member how was the estimate found not suited to actual work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Because the heavy cost that would have to be incurred would not be justifiable for the locality and I have asked the Division Officer to recast the estimate making a substantial reduction and he is doing so.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know from Government whether the place where the bridge is to be constructed is adjacent to the Alleppey Town?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I think it is.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know from Government whether the required fund will be allowed in the next budget?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I cannot promise what will be allowed in the next budget.

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MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member the distance between the proposed bridge and the Alleppey Commercial Canal?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I do not remember.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member when the revised estimates were called for from the Division Officer?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I think it was on 31-5-1933.

Closing of Departmental Schools.

107. ❋MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of departmental schools that have been closed in the year 1109 and in 1110 up to the 15th of Thulam.

(*b*) the number of non-departmental schools whose recognition has been withdrawn during the period beginning 1st Chingam 1109 and ending with 15th Thulam 1110; and

(*c*) whether, in the case of departmental schools that were closed because of the unsatisfactory condition of the school buildings, any attempt has been made to repair those buildings or to construct new buildings instead?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 15.

(*b*) 44.

(*c*) The main reason for closing departmental schools was because the schools were unnecessary in the locality. In the case of schools closed permanently, the accommodation of which had been unsatisfactory, no attempt has been made to repair the buildings. Departmental schools are sometimes temporarily closed, while repairs are undertaken or new buildings are made available.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know from Government, with reference to the answer to part (*a*), the number of schools that have been permanently closed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Does the member want to know the number of schools closed at the time of answering the question?

MR K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Yes.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is given in the answer as 15.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know the reason why they were closed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The answer is given under part (*c*).

PRESIDENT: The answers are already in part (*c*). The member ought to read the answers before putting supplementary questions.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Sir, I have read the answers. What I want to know is whether all these 15 schools come under that category which are temporarily closed.

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